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**Amendments to the Abstract**

Please delete the Abstract appearing in the front page of the PCT publication and add the following new Abstract:

The invention relates to the synthesis and the joint spatialization of sounds emitted by virtual sources. According to the invention, a step (ETA) is provided that consists of determining parameters including at least one gain ( $g_i$ ) for defining, at the same time, a loudness characterizing the nature of the virtual source and the position of the source relative to a predetermined origin.

A replacement Abstract is attached hereto on a separate sheet in accordance with 37 CFR 1.72.